

# INFORMATION SHEET

## OPERATION OF A PLACE OF ASSEMBLY

A permit is required from the Fire Prevention Division to operate a place of assembly (50 or more occupants).  
*NFPA 1:1.12.19*

- Combustible furnishings, scenery and decorative materials used in all new and existing Assembly Occupancies shall be flame resistant and shall meet the requirements of NFPA 701. *NFPA 1:20.1*
- Interior wall and ceiling finish materials shall comply throughout with flame spread requirements of the IBC Chapter-8 and NFPA 101:10.2. *NFPA 101:12.4.7.8; 101:13.4.7.8*
- Exterior doors shall be permitted to have key operated locks from the egress side, providing that the following criteria are met: *NFPA 1-14.5.2.4*
  - (1) This alternative is permitted in Chapter 12 through 42 of NFPA 101 for the specific occupancy.
  - (2) A readily visible, durable sign in letters not less than 1 in. high on contrasting background that reads as follows is located on or adjacent to the door: **THIS DOOR TO REMAIN UNLOCKED WHEN THE BUILDING IS OCCUPIED.**
  - (3) The locking device is a type that is readily distinguishable as locked.
  - (4) A key is immediately available to any occupant inside the building when it is locked.  
*NFPA: 101:7.2.1.5.4*
- Any door in a required means of egress from an area having an occupant load of 50 or more persons shall be permitted to be provided with a latch or lock only if the latch or lock is panic hardware or fire exit hardware. *NFPA 101:12.2.2.2.3 & 13.2.2.2.3*
- Doors required to be of the side-hinged or pivoted swinging type shall swing in the direction of egress travel where serving a room or area with an occupant load of 50 or more, except under the following conditions: *NFPA 1:14.5.1.3*
  - (1) Where the door is used in an exit enclosure, unless the door is the door of an individual living unit that opens directly into an exit enclosure.
  - (2) When the door serves a high hazard contents area. *NFPA 101:7.2.1.4.3*
- Lighted exit signs shall be installed at required exit doorways and where otherwise necessary to clearly indicate the direction of egress. Exit signs shall be illuminated at all times and shall have backup power.  
*NFPA 1:14.14*
- Exit Illumination and Emergency Lighting shall be installed at all exits, exit paths and corridors, to allow for safe evacuation of the building in the event of a power failure. *NRS 477.120, NFPA 101:7.8 & 101:7.9*
- Every room constituting an assembly occupancy and not having fixed seats shall have the occupant load of the room posted in a conspicuous place near the main exit from the room. *NFPA 1:20.1.4.8.3.1*

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- Exits shall be located and exit access shall be arranged so that exits are readily accessible at all times. *NFPA 1:14.10.1.1*
- Means of egress shall be continuously maintained free of all obstructions or impediments to full instant use in the case of fire or other emergency. *NFPA 1:14.4.1*
- Extension cords shall meet the requirements of NFPA 1-11.1.5.3 and not be used a substitute for permanent wiring. *NFPA 1:11.1.5*
- Extension cords shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle, power tap, or multiplug adapter and shall, except for approved multiplug extension cords, serve only one portable appliance. *NFPA 1:11.1.5.3.1*
- Employees or attendants shall be trained and drilled in the duties they are to perform in case of fire, panic, or other emergency to effect orderly exiting. *NFPA 1:20.1.4.6.1*
- All fire extinguishers shall be visible and accessible at all times. Employees or attendants shall be instructed in the proper use of portable fire extinguishers and other manual fire suppression equipment where provided. *NFPA 1:20.1.4.6.2*
- No open flame devices or pyrotechnics devices shall be used in any assembly occupancy, unless approved and permitted by the Fire Prevention Division. *NFPA 1:20.1.4.2*
- Portable LP-gas containers are allowed to be used temporarily for demonstrations and public exhibitions. Such containers shall not exceed a 12-pound water capacity. When more than one such container is present in the same room, each container shall be separated from other containers by a distance of not less than 20 feet. *NFPA 1:69.3.3.8*
- When the requirements are met and approved by the AHJ, listed LP-gas commercial food service appliance are allowed to be used for food preparation within restaurants and in attended commercial food catering operations. *NFPA 1:69.3.3.8.4*

*The items listed are basic information only. Codes are subject to change. Additional requirements may apply.*

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